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Title:	Method and System for Stepping Up to Certificate-Based Authentication Without Breaking an Existing SSL Session		
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 9, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring April 9, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.